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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Tricia

Last Name: Kimmel

Title: Sister of Sheldon Waynick

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Coleman

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My brother was born in 1969 and lived with my mother and father until I was born in 1976. Sheldon was born with severe mental retardation and is completely unable to take care of himself in any fashion. After caring for what was basically 2 infants for 6 months, my parents made the hard decision to put Sheldon into the State School in Abilene, TX. The residents that he moved in with as a 6 year old are still the same residents he has today. To him those residents are his family and the nurses and his doctors are his extended family. Before any state school is closed, you need to look at what effects it will have on the residents. Many of the residents that are in these schools need the specialized 24 hour care that they receive and are unable to receive this type of care in any other type of setting. The people that wrote this report and that are making the decisions need to look beyond the numbers, this is human life we are talking about! Please leave the Abilene SSL open and think very hard about what you are doing if you close any of these schools.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Oversight into abuse needs to be a priority. Background checks need to be done on a regular basis.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree